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PPGLCC Community Vision

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In the past few months many people have expressed to me in conversation that they are not satisfied, or want more services Etc. provided to them by their G&L leaders and community centers. Through generous contributions the GLBT community has managed to provide some needed help to people with aids, and has spent quite a chunk on the educational and legal fight ammendment 2 presented, with a little left over to keep most organizations bills and activities afloat.

I asked myself the question " What is the G&L Community Center"? Since the community center does not collect taxes from our community how can it as a corporation provide costly services ? The community center currently does an array of work for the GLBT community, from providing a resource, helpline, and newsletters to hosting the Pride Parade. But it is much more than that, let us not overlook what the Community center is.

The PPGLCC is truely " A corporation for the people , of the people". It provides the people with a tax free base in which they can form and promote groups, organizations, and services to the community. A corporation of the people eagerly awaiting the chance to help make your dreams a reality. Where every members opinions and suggestions are important and listened to by the directors.

Everyone should ask themselves "What do I want from the G&L community" ? What do I really want to see provided for our people? What one project is so worthwhile and important that you would be willing to sacrifice your time & money to make it a reality.? Think about this and tell your community center and others what you want , and give your suggestions on how to make it possible. Maybe enough people will agree your project is a priority for our community and the work can begin.

I have a project to present. I would like to see a deal struck between mental health professionals and the PPGLCC to provide a subsidised counseling program for the GLBT community. To provide a limited amount of services. Based on the individuals earnings and self identified GLBT lable, the community center and the councelor would each pay some portion of the unpaid counseling fee. To be paid for through fund raisers and contributions. Is this possible ? Everyone needs some help at one time or another in their life, and it would be great if those that need it can get it. I believe this project is worthwhile and will strengthen our community as a whole. This also can be the start of larger outside donations and new contributors for PPGLCC. I want to again see the smiles and festivity of the GLBT people, as I did before Ammendment 2. I am willing to spend my time & money to make a go of this. Are you ?

Lets all remember this, when we say we want more from our community center, what we are really saying is that we want more from ourselves. Because YOU are the community center . It is all that you make of it, and will be only, what you make of it.

Get involved for yourself and for your people.

Sincerely *Christy Hopping*

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